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SUBJECT: CPUSA CONVENTION IN CHICAGO; EAST GERMAN NEWS COVERAGE

1. EAST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS PROVIDED MODERATE COVERAGE ON A DAILY BASIS FOR THE RECENTLY-CONCLUDED COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USA CONVENTION. COVERAGE USUALLY TOOK THE FORM OF A SHORT ARTICLE ON THE FIRST PAGE AND POSSIBLY A SMALL PHOTOGRAPH OF CPUSA MEMBERS AT THE MEETING AND THEN PUBLICATION OF THE TEXTS OF THE SPEECHES BY CHAIRMAN HENRY WINSTON AND GENERAL SECRETARY GUS HALL.

2. THREE POINTS OF SOME INTEREST WERE MADE DURING THE MEETING AS REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS:

A. THERE WAS SHARP CRITICISM OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR DENYING VISAS TO INVITED PARTICIPANTS FROM OVERSEAS. GUS HALL REFERRED TO THIS DENIAL OF VISAS AS AN ATTEMPT BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT "A FREE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS" AMONG THE COMMUNISTS AND WORKERS OF ALL  
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COUNTRIES. HALL REPORTEDLY ALSO SAID THAT THE DENIAL

OF VISAS WAS INCONSISTENT WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES.

B. HALL CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF COMMUNIST PARTIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WHILE MAKING NO SUGGESTIONS AS TO TIME AND PLACE FOR THIS MEETING, HE INDICATED THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCE THE SOLIDARITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS AND SUPPORT THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS.

C. HALL ALSO IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THIS YEAR'S 21ST CPUSA MEETING HAD "HISTORICAL" SIGNIFICANCE SINCE IT MARKED THE END OF AN EPOCH IN THE UNITED STATES BEGUN BY MCCARTHY IN THE 1950'S. HE PREDICTED THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY WOULD GROW IN SIZE AND IMPORTANCE IN THE FUTURE.

3. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THIS MEETING, ALTHOUGH THE JUNE 30 EDITION OF NEUSE DEUTSCHLAND CARRIED THE TEXT OF A LETTER SIGNED BY FIRST SECRETARY OF THE SED ERICH HONECKER TO BOTH WINSTON AND HALL CONGRATULATING THEM UPON THEIR RE-ELECTION TO THEIR POSTS IN THE CPUSA.COOPER

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